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For the Saturday Evening Post.

STANZAS.

I gazed when the beauty of life was untainted,
The dark eye was bright, and the cheek was blooming and gay;
But ever on the mind the heart's feelings were painted,
It hath in its loveliness faded away.

The young bud was rich'd ere its leaves were expanded,
To exhale its soft sweetness, as all flowers do the sun;
Ere the soul to thy boundless realm's knowledge extended,
The life glowing flesh of its beauty was gone.

Thou hast fled like a meteor or mist of the mountains,
Or the light clouds which fly on the wings of the gale;
As the sounds which float o'er earth's sunny height
And o'er the soft breezes in mourning shall wail.

Bright as that sweet scar which ushers the morning,
Thou art as an image that's graved on the heart,
But lobire and brighter, where free from all mourning,
Thy spirit shall soar, where no fears shall depart.

I have silently cherished that earth n'pl blossom,
Though grief found no vent when thy soul didst depart;
But now its lines hath been fi on the bosom,
The deeper its image is press'd on the heart.

Pass on the fountain from which springs is living,
Thy spirit hath sought the land of the blest;
Unstained and free from thy poor earthly dwelling,
Now go to thy Father, sweet pilgrim, and rest.

Yes rest thee, my lov'd one, for blend'd is thy slumber,
No sin of this earth can disturb thy repose;
But a gush shall wail thee, where ave is without number,
Are resting with God, from earth's harrowing woes.

INDIAN BARD.

Written for the Saturd y Eve ing Post.

PECULIARITIES.

Heaven we, such uses send—
Not to pick bad from bad; but by bad mend.
Shakspeare.

Nothing is more entertaining, and sometimes more laughable, than to note, and reflect upon the peculiarities of every day life. Every one has his claims for himself, and imagines himself to possess a certain mode of thinking, acting and talking peculiar to himself, and certain traits of character superior to his neighbours, or from those he may see. Thus we estimate themselves, are never at a loss for that favourite mask of the true genuine character—affectation—to assume with ease and credit, and enable them to "show off," as fancy may dictate.

Some men cannot see across the street, others cannot walk straight, but *bobble* along from one side of the pavement to the opposite, as if they had wooden legs; others again, cannot appear in public, without their arms be put on a sling; and there is another class, who would be enraged if told by a friend in a *coffee* that it was reported he was in bed the previous evening by one of his friends, but who pretended not to hear, or recognize their friends, but

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FOREIGN VARIETIES.

Lord Althorp has announced that the government of Great Britain will not propose any grant of money to the Duke of Sussex, but will pay £7,200 per annum out of the civil list.

The Tithe Bill, as it is called, came up for discussion in Parliament on the 6th, and on dividing for second reading the two stood 319 to 51, majority 268.

The manufacturing city of France have suffered severely from the late revolution in the Netherlands.

Don Pedro has informed the Pope that if the excommunication of himself, the Queen, the ministers, and their adherents, is not removed, he will send the papal nuncio away, let the consequences be what they may.

The London Times of May 10th, contains the following account of a letter from Turkey, dated May 1, on the occasion of the King's fete, the following day, which was celebrated with great pomp. "The Sultan, minister and the whole in the court stood from sunrise to sunset in the open court appointed for the king, who is reported to be in great favor."

The National Guard of Lyons has been formally disarmed. The last accounts from that city, state, that the tranquility and good order of the day there. Upwards of 300 persons are said to be in prison, but much to the disorder and confusion in the public mind, the authorities have not positively known the number of detenues. A Lyons journal states that the slaughter of the insurgents, in that town, has been greatly exaggerated. The number of officers and soldiers killed was 14, and that of the insurgents, wounded, 36. On the part of the workmen, the number of killed and wounded did not exceed 300 or 400. It is apprehended that the number of inoffensive persons killed or wounded is greater to the loss of the combatants.

The most important consequence of the circumstances regarding the conflict between the military and people, at Edinburgh, the Solicitor General and police will not prosecute, were stabbed by the mob during the contest. The military were called out for their prosecution.

The Rev. Dr. Oliver Kelley, Catholic Archbishop of Tuam, died at Albano, near Rome, on the 18th ult.

A tragical event took place at Bromsdale, not long since. A fireman in one of the steam boats had quarrelled with the engineer, and the latter struck the fireman a blow with a shovel, which killed him. Sue however for justice, and the engineer was tried by a jury of his peers, and acquitted by the jury, who returned a verdict of Not Guilty

Philadelphia Prices Current.

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FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 14, 1834.

ASHES. Last 4 00 4 50
BEESWAX. Yellow 25
BREADSTUFFS. Flour—Super. 5 75
Fine, No. 1 5 50
Rye 3 25
Corn Meal 3 00
Wheat 1 10 1 12
Rye 70
Corn, Yellow 70
White 68
Oats 40
BUTTER. Firkin 10
Roll 12
CANDLES. Mould, Sperm 14
Dipped 12
COAL. Lehigh 6 50
Schuylkill 5 50
COFFEE. Rio, No. 1 10
Laguira 10
COTTON. Duty—Sea-island 10
Upland 5
FEATHERS. Live Geese 40
FISH. Mackerel, No. 1, Shore 6 00
No. 2, Shore 5 00
No. 3, Shore 4 00
No. 1, Bay 4 50
No. 2, Bay 4 00
No. 3, Bay 3 50
Shad, No. 1 4 00
No. 2 3 50
Herring, Shore, No. 1 2 50
No. 2 2 00
No. 3 1 50
Herring, Bay, No. 1 2 00
No. 2 1 75
No. 3 1 50
FLAXSEED. 1 00
FRUIT. Almonds, Soft shell 16
Hard shell 12
Raisins, Bunch 2 50
Do. Box 1 75
GRASS SEED. Clover 6
Timothy 2 50
Flaxseed 1 12½
GUNPOWDER. Rifle 4 50
Shot, Patent 1 12½
HAY. Timothy, Pressed, retail 1 00
Timothy, Pressed, wholesale 90
Timothy, Loose 75
HEMP. Russia, Clean 280
Manilla 9
HIDES. Dry Salted 10
Dry Flint 12
Dry Buenos Ayres 18
Wet Salted 6
IRON. Pig, Anthracite 20 00
Bar, Refined 90
Bar, Common 80
LEAD. Pig 5
Bar 6
Sheet 6½
LIME. Per cask 75
LUMBER. Pine Boards, Cargo 12 00
Do. Retail 15 00
Do. Scantling 12 00
Do. Plank 12 00
Do. Joist 12 00
Do. Shingles, Cypress 3 00
Do. Cedar 3 00
Do. Pine 2 50
Do. Lath 1 00
Hickory Wood 5 00
Oak Wood 4 00
Pine Wood 3 00
MOLASSES. 28
NAILS. Cut 4 00
Wrought 8
OILS. Linseed, Raw 75
Boiled 80
Sperm, Winter 1 75
Do. Summer 1 50
Whale, Winter 80
Do. Summer 75
PLASTER. Ground 1 00
PROVISIONS. Beef, Mess 10 00
Prime 7 00
Pork, Mess 16 00
Prime 12 00
Hams, Pickled 12
Dried 14
Shoulders, Pickled 8
Dried 10
Lard 10
RICE. Carolina 4 00
Common 2 50
SALT. Turk's Island 28
Liverpool, Ground 1 00
Fine 1 12½
SEEDS. Herd's Grass 1 50
Red Top 1 00
SPIRITS. Brandy, Peach 1 00
Apple 50
Whiskey, Monongahela 30
Do. Country 25
Gin, Holland 1 00
Do. American 40
Rum, Jamaica 1 00
Do. American 40
SUGAR. Loaf 12
Lump 10
Havana, White 9
Brown 8
TALLOW. 8
TEAS. Hyson 1 00
Young Hyson 1 00
Imperial 1 00
Gunpowder 1 00
Hyson Skin 50
Souchong 50
TOBACCO. Kentucky, Leaf 6
Manufactured 12
Virginia, Leaf 6
Manufactured 12
WHISKEY. Hhds. 25
Barrels 26
WOOL. Merino, Full Blood, Washed 50
Do. Half and Quarter 45
Native 40
Pulled, Lambs' 40
Do. Spinning 35
Country Pulled 30
Country Unwashed 25

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PHILADELPHIA:

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TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Yesterday morning, a dreadful accident happened on the inclined plane of the Columbia Rail-road, beyond the Schuylkill. Several burden cars laden with iron, were passing up the plane, followed by a number of passengers in cars, while other were waiting at the bridge. The rope employed for raising the cars, being unable to sustain the immense weight, broke, and precipitated the whole train of cars upon those remaining at the bottom. The passengers were thrown from the cars in every direction, horribly mangled and bruised. Four have been taken to the hospital, dreadfully wounded. How many more have suffered, is not known.

SENTENCE OF DEATH.

The sentence of the law was on Thursday passed upon FELIX MURRAY, convicted of *murder*. The court was crowded, and a very large body surrounded the exterior of the building, making a most solemn scene.

Mr. D. P. Brown, on behalf of Murray, read a long paper containing reasons why sentence should not be pro nounced, and the prisoner himself asserted to the court his entire innocence; that Mrs. Sutcliffe had sworn falsely, and had been incited to do so by Tom Tunman, his deadly enemy; that he would *die* an innocent man, and whatever punishment might be inflicted upon his body, that his soul would be *happy*.

Judge King briefly addressed the prisoner, and alluded to the awful circumstances under which he was conjured him to think of the fate which awaited him, and delivered the judgment of the court, as follows—"That you, Felix Murray, be taken hence to the place whence you came, and be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God in his infinite mercy have pity and commiseration on your soul."

A RARE TRICK.—We were advised this week, of a most unfeeling and base transaction, practised by some murderous scoundrel, a few weeks since, upon a young lady of this city, the result of which had well nigh proved of the most serious consequence. It appears that the lady in question, who is employed in a store, and who resides about a mile and a half from town, received, on Thursday morning, a letter, to which the signature of an acquaintance was attached, stating that on the night previous, her father's house had been destroyed by fire, and that *her mother and a sister had perished in the flames*. This announcement, as may well be expected, caused the most poignant distress and suffering to the young lady, which was not removed until a messenger, despatched on the instant, had returned with information that the whole story was a despicable fabrication. The author of this unfeeling trick is as yet unknown, but it is extremely hoped that he will soon be detected, and properly punished.

But for the presence of mind in the engineer of the locomotive engine on the Germantown Rail Road, there would have been a serious accident on the road on the 9th instant, involving, it is probable, the loss of both human and animal life. As the engine, with a train of cars attached, was about leaving the depot, at four o'clock, a spirited horse, some distance ahead, on which a colored man was mounted, became exceedingly restive at the approach of the engine, the rider endeavored to urge the horse off the track, but his efforts seemed only to increase his fight, and he reared and plunged directly in front of the train, rendering his destruction inevitable, but that the engine was instantly reversed, and the train thereby brought to a stand, by the timely exertions of the engineer, which, in all probability, saved the lives of the horse and rider.

THE MARCH IS ONWARD.—We received a day or two since, a number of a new paper called the Illinois Champion, published in the town of Bruno, Illinois, situated on a lake of the same name, about 240 in lea above St. Louis. Among the editorial articles we observe an interesting description of the place, its manufactories and improvements, from which we glean the following particulars. The settlement is one of the oldest in the whole West—with few exceptions, older than any in America. The French established a trading post there a century ago, almost the same time that Vincennes (In.) and St. Louis (Mo.) were occupied. These formed a part of that chain of military posts by which the French, ancient rivals of the English in America, sought to connect their Canadian possessions with Louisiana, and coop up the Colonies within a strip of the Atlantic coast. They have not since increased in numbers without much increase, during three fourths of a century. They traded with the Indians, with whom they were in general on friendly terms. It is recorded that in 1760, they numbered about 100 inhabitants of wine. In 1813, when the town was burnt by the United States troops, in an Indian campaign, it contained about seventy houses, many of them of hewn logs. It was burnt again in 1816 by the Indians, and no attempt at settlement was made until 1826, when the lands were disposed of in lots to American settlers.—No buildings of any consequence were erected until 1832. The town, therefore, is only two years old. One year ago there were but eight or ten families there are now between three and four hundred inhabitants. There was in 1833, but one store; there are now seven, and the Champion adds, there will be in a few weeks double that number. There have been built this year, 70 houses, and under construction, and it is computed that there will be more than one hundred houses built in the single season. There are four steam boats plying regularly to St. Louis, there are four or five saw mills and one grist mill, and a large steam grist mill and a steam saw mill will be commenced this season. A court house is in progress, supported by "four Ionic columns," the whole to be executed "after the Ionic order." Water works are also in progress for supplying the town with water from springs a mile distant.

INDIA RUBBER TABLE COVERS.—Mr. Samuel D. Breed, 13 north Seventh street, has commenced the manufacture of covers for tables and stands from India rubber, and produces a very neat and lasting article. They have all the merits of oil-cloth coverings, with many important advantages, besides their durability. The material is elastic, but of a firm and impenetrable texture, is not susceptible of stains, and may be cleansed with facility. They are beautifully ornamented. House-keepers should call and give the article a careful examination.

To Readers and Correspondents.

"W. G. J. M." will do well to apply at Cherry Hill, for the characters of whom he asks information. We are not in that line.

"Mary Ann Lee" and "To my Brother," by Elopeth, are but indifferent compositions.

Sherry, is on file.

"A Subscriber" must have patience. His article will appear shortly—perhaps next week.

"Lines," by Walter, is passable, but it wants originality. The incidents of his article are so commonplace, as to be scarcely worth knowing.

Horatius, not worthy attention.

Beauty, by "S. A. A." shall have a corner next week.

The articles from "J. L. McC." and those from the Indian Hunter, are under consideration.

RECEIPTS BY MAIL.

June 5.—Received from	*Receipts from*		
Rhodes Fisher, Esq.	$ 00	Rhodes Fisher, Esq.	$ 00
James B. Robb,	3 00	*June 10.*	
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Harvard University.

A circular signed by the President, has been issued by the Faculty of this College, declaring the incidents connected with the recent disturbances, and representing the conduct of the students in a very unfavorable light. The charge, it appears, is made against the Freshmen Class in Greek, the instructor of which was grossly insulted by one of the students, by peremptorily refusing to obey an order connected with the duties of the class. On his (the instructor's) leaving the room he made his quarrel a common cause, and every species of annoyance, calculated to provoke the government of the College, was put in force during a meeting of the recitation, abuse and destruction of the property of the institution, was resorted to. Several pupils were subsequently arrested, and the Board having failed in their endeavors to obtain their authority, have commenced a prosecution against them in the Court of Common Pleas. Another version of the affair, we understand, has been published by the students, but we have not seen a copy.

A RICH REBUKE.—The truth of the proverb that "there is nothing lost by doing a charitable action," is forcibly exemplified by a correspondent of the Christian Advocate and Journal, who furnishes a statement of the life of J. C. a respectable member of the society of Friends. This individual, it appears, at the age of eighteen, walked forty miles to put himself apprentice to a certain trader, a forty miles distant, and he had no money to pay the fare, but a kind hearted woman lent him *four pence*. He learned his trade, and experienced various vicissitudes of fortune, until he finally settled in the city of N. where he amassed a large fortune, and retired from business. In gratitude to the woman who had lent him four pence, he schooled all her children at his own cost, and if he had known of one hundred dollars per annum, which, by a provision in his will, she is to receive during her life. This is more than compound interest on the sum originally lent.

A PAY LOAN.—We notice the following among the charges of Government published in the Boston Gazette of Thursday, 5th inst.

"Dosi, April 29th, ar. Elias, (850 tons) Crouch, London, for New York, with 2,500 passengers."

It is marvellous how small a space in this breathing world is sufficient to accommodate a human being. Here we find 2,550 individuals, men, women, and children, all crowded in one vessel, and the space allotted not removed until a messenger, despatched on the instant, had returned with information that the whole story was a despicable fabrication. The author of this unfeeling trick is as yet unknown, but it is extremely hoped that he will soon be detected, and properly punished.

THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH.

Noah, of the New York Star, who, as an editor, stands almost without a rival in this country, occasionally speaks through his columns in the first person. His description of the late race is inimitably happy. He says:—

I have not been to a horse race since the great contest between Henry and Eclipse, in which the issue of nations seemed to depend by the intense interest excited, and which, if carried such sports unless something peculiarly attractive is in the wind. But hearing a considerable number of my friends had gone to Centreville, a number of strange faces in Broadway, and a number of tall, good looking, middle aged men with drab hats, broad brims, and long coats, and looking very much like the inhabitants south of Mason and Dixon's line, I apprehended at once, as there must be something of great consequence was under consideration. So hitching my horse to the iron railing, and carefully locking up for the race course; but thought of stopping for my friend Hall, of the Journal of Commerce, but recollecting that he is now the leader of the opposition, and on these subjects; so I whipped up for Williamsburg and passed over the perfect race and comfort. I recollected that ferry, but I own no stock in it; now a splendid ferry boat, now and then a splendid steamer. The road is excellent and the view from the hill about two miles from Williamsburg superbly embracing the whole harbor and environs of New York, is much the cool, and delightful and the crowds of carriages, containing the fashion and beauty of the town, looked like an invading army. The flags on the race course were numerous beyond example; turtle soup and cold cuts were distributing on the Pavilion; here and there a tolyboy was heard on tables along the road. I was glad that I had made up my mind to go, and would have cracked his moralizing. There were two or three handsome equipages on the course, but the assemblage altogether the scene was quite amusing.

About one minute before one o'clock—I like to be particular as to time—the bugle sounded to bring up the horses; the little riders, three smart looking boys, about twelve years old, mounted their beasts, bent cords and listen to the established rules—having previously taken a preliminary canter or two through and forth, sleek, smooth, and shining.—Tuffle, Shark, and Tom Hal were the favorites. Previously to knowing one to hear how bets were going on, and found to a few moments that our southern friends were wide awake. Tom Hal was backed against the field for thirty; freely taken as Shark maintained a high reputation; but Tuffle had the field against him, and was three offered *Tuffle against the field*; which was an offer too tempting to take. In our hurry we had not inspected their wallets freely, and the misty fund notes circulated in abundance.

By the bye, all of the drums the horses started perfectly fair; the rider of Alice Gray in scarlet, of Shark in blue, of Tom Hal in yellow, and of Tuffle in red and a perfect rider, in sky blue jack jacket. Shark took the lead, Tuffle followed, Alice Gray second best and Tom Hal—all seemed to hold in hand. The second mile Shark still ahead—odds rather in favor of Shark; a hundred to Raw gone; Some hundred dollars on Shark. "Take," says a tall, quiet man, next to me, "I'll bet a hundred dollars on Shark." The odds were held by a neighbor. On the third mile Tuffle took the lead with perfect ease, and Shark ahead, coming in the winner, and in no way distressed. Time, 7m. 55s.

Shark ran considerably on Tuffle, and in a half hour the bugs were ready for a second heat. Alice Gray left, led off and kept ahead, showing that she was a clever creature; on the third round Tuffle, with great ease, passed them all, and won the race easily. Betting was general, and to my mind rather ill.

The racing was good; Shark and Tuffle are both fine nags, but on the whole, the affair was much mid in character and interest to the great Eclipse race.

One word to the Club. They must raise the wire and build a splendid Pavilion, in order that suitable accommodations should be had for the ladies, who if they can dine in a comfortable manner. Very few were on the ground. The Course is becoming popular, and will be sustained. It is necessary that it should be kept up in more style. No accidents as we have heard of.

From the National Intelligencer.

THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

On the 3d inst. yesterday, Mr. Hemphill, (of Ohio,) from the Committee on the Post Office, made the long looked for Report on the affairs of that establishment. It was read as the Report usually is made, and the reading of it, which we listened to with great attention, occupied more than two hours.

Of a document of such great length, we shall not venture to attempt the true meaning, any thing like an analysis. Deferring the full satisfaction of our readers in this particular, until we can publish the Report at large, (which, by the way, is a thing we intend to do,) most content ourselves, for to-day, with an attempt to sketch in general outlines.

The Report sets out with stating, as the result of the investigations of the Committee, that the Department is largely insolvent. In addition to which, the committee report that the Postmaster General has, from time to time, borrowed large sums of money for the use of the Post Office, without any authority of law. Sums of these kinds of loans were made during the last session of Congress, at the commencement of the present session, and last week he received the Department to be in possession of a considerable surplus of funds. The Report goes on to state the debts and credits of the Department nearly as can be ascertained, whereby it appears that the General Post Office is involved to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars, and that their aggregate expense beats but a very small proportion of the income of the same they ascertained. The excess of expenditure, and consequent insolvency of the Post Office, arise from contracts to mail-subcontractors and travellers in the mail, to a considerable amount, of which they have no law. It goes on to spread out in detail a number of particular cases, as a sample of the whole.

The report includes the opinions, statements, and estimates of the officers of the Post Office to be as erroneous and delusive as little to be relied upon. Indeed, that unfavorable as are the conclusions which the committee have drawn, it is more probable that they fall far short of, rather than exceed the reality. In proof of which, among other circumstances, three thousand dollars, which were ordered to be refunded to the Postmaster General, by the Treasurer of the United States, in the settlement of his accounts, and which have come out in evidence before the committee, and which they ascertained, but not without comment to the Senate.

The contingent expenditures of the Department, the allowances given to mail agents, the appointment of money to printers in various shapes, the employment of agents, and the contractors, &c. and other matters which "bring the patronage of the Government to bear upon the freedom of election," are handled with great skill and some severity by the committee; and the Report ends with a series of resolutions declaratory of errors, abuses, and practices unsuitable to the administration of the Post Office, but as it will be found in the system itself, which, in the opinion of the committee, have increased, are increasing, and ought to be diminished.

Upon the whole, it will be allowed on all hands, when the Report of the Committee comes to be read, that it affords an ample justification of the term of "a searching operation in the Government" that has put been used.

POST OFFICE REPORT.

Mr. Ewing, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to which was referred, on the 3d instant, the bill, with the ask of investigating the conduction and transactions of the department, with power to send for persons and papers, made a report, which was read by Mr. Ewing, occupying an hour and fifty-five minutes.

The Report concludes with the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That it is proved and admitted that heavy sums, to an amount of several millions, have been borrowed by the Postmaster General, in order to make up the deficiency in the means of carrying on the business of the Post Office Department, without authority given by any law of Congress, and that, as the Postmaster General possesses no power to borrow money on the credit of the United States, all such contracts for loans by the Postmaster General are illegal and void.

2. Resolved, That several reports of the Postmaster Gene al, contain statements which, in subsequent papers, he admits to be erroneous; that others, especially his report of the 1st of April, 1833, and that of March, 1834, are inconsistent with each other; and that such error, inference cannot be drawn from the accuracy of the communications made by the Department.

3. Resolved, That it is fully proved, that a practice prevails in the Post office Department, of granting extra allowances to contractors for transporting the mail of changing and altering contracts in material respects after they have been accepted, and that this practice prevents all fair competition among persons who offer to carry the mail, and is calculated to give undue advantage to favorites, and is in violation of law.

4. Resolved, That it appears, that an individual who made a contract for three years ending in 1835, was required to go over it up for no other reason than that it was to be let to another, because it was thought, and that the act of the Department, in requiring such sum, was illegal, and a violation of the rights of the people.

5. Resolved, That it appears that the proposals for carrying the Mail on the route from Chicago to Green Bay, was withheld from advertisement; that the contract thereby was given in another name, and that he and to rely to one of the clerks in the Department; that the compensation has been at a rate of 40 per cent. without any increase of services; and that the transaction was illegal and void.

6. Resolved, That extra allowances have been granted to contractors without any increase of duty or expense on their part, and that in no case can extra allowances be allowed when such allowances are unreasonable, extravagant, or in excess of the actual expenses of the service except by the Department has incurred, is extravagant, unreasonable.

12. Resolved, That it does appear that an agreement was made between the Postmaster General and Messrs. Gales & Seaton, the express object of which was to put down competition in the printing of documents, and that the respective mail routes that said agreement was drawn by the Postmaster General himself, and executed in a single instance, and that it was sanctioned by the Postmaster General, in the face of the remonstrance of the chief officers of the Post Office Department.

13. Resolved, That the Post Office Department is now deeply in debt, and that its affairs are in a state of confusion and disorder, which is satisfactory, that it is justly the subject of public complaint, and that the unofficial expenses of the service money of the Department has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished.

14. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the present mode of letting out contracts for transportation of the mail, by which the lowest bidder is preferred, is productive of many evils, and ought to be changed, and that the mail service should be let out to the highest responsible bidder, who will agree to carry the mail with the greatest frequency, and in the best manner, and that the Postmaster General should be authorized to make such contracts.

15. Resolved, That the Post Office Department is now in the possession of a considerable surplus of funds. The Report goes on to state the debts and credits of the Department nearly as can be ascertained, whereby it appears that the General Post Office is involved to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars, and that their aggregate expense beats but a very small proportion of the income of the same they ascertained. The excess of expenditure, and consequent insolvency of the Post Office, arise from contracts to mail-subcontractors and travellers in the mail, to a considerable amount, of which they have no law. It goes on to spread out in detail a number of particular cases, as a sample of the whole.

The report includes the opinions, statements, and estimates of the officers of the Post Office to be as erroneous and delusive as little to be relied upon. Indeed, that unfavorable as are the conclusions which the committee have drawn, it is more probable that they fall far short of, rather than exceed the reality. In proof of which, among other circumstances, three thousand dollars, which were ordered to be refunded to the Postmaster General, by the Treasurer of the United States, in the settlement of his accounts, and which have come out in evidence before the committee, and which they ascertained, but not without comment to the Senate.

The contingent expenditures of the Department, the allowances given to mail agents, the appointment of money to printers in various shapes, the employment of agents, and the contractors, &c. and other matters which "bring the patronage of the Government to bear upon the freedom of election," are handled with great skill and some severity by the committee; and the Report ends with a series of resolutions declaratory of errors, abuses, and practices unsuitable to the administration of the Post Office Department,

Triumph the spirit of Life,
Which given to all the Heavens.

Fisher's son of Chester, Pa.—The name of a Delaware river fish, which is a species of shad, and is sometimes called the white shad, or herring. It is also known by the name of Potomac shad, and is found in the Potomac river. It is not very fat; why it was so called I do not know, but I suppose it was because it was known.

A Reporter, Boston.—Whether a man is to get a gallon of whiskey for every vote given, and a ragged little boy a pocket-knife for every cent found, and whether box got to eat up.

Readers of Newspapers often find it very convenient to refer to several items relating to the same subject. The following may be found under the head of Miscellaneous, the Foreign and Domestic, the Congressional, the Financial and the Literary of a date. *James Buchanan, Philadelphia.*

"Alas, the Love."—A pretty pun by the name of Miss Gazzam, a young lady in Cincinnati, because a gentleman refused to go to church with her. He had his excuse ready—"Love me, love my dog." "I have yet to go to church with you for evening. I know very well why you did not. You will never have an opportunity only to regret your negligence.

Count Strzelecki, who has been long confined in a prison cell in Dresden, when brought out into the open air, was so bewildered—so overcome by the sudden appearance of death, exclaiming, "Oh, what a blessing is free air!"

A young man of highly reputable connexions in New York, who was arrested a few days since, was on Wednesday committed to prison for stealing a watch, umbrella, cane and other articles.

Female Industry.—The Charleston Courier gives an astonishing instance of patience and perseverance in a young lady of that city. She has completed in the short space of three months, a piece of linen containing one thousand and eighty pieces of cloth, and a fine Quilt composed of upwards of two thousand and forty-seven pieces! She deserves a good husband.

Rather Cute Young.—A little boy just returned from a long visit, was asked by his mother how he had enjoyed himself during his absence. "Why, mother, I was very much pleased to see Grandpa and Grandma, and Uncle George and Aunt Sarah, and all the rest of the folks, but I was very glad to get home, because I was afraid that they would keep me long fun of the time, and almost spoil the way I was."

Thinking a Cow.—A gentleman riding near his native home in Ireland, met a boy driving a cow, and first appeared at the top of a ditch, through a gap in the hedge on the other side. As he heard a voice alternately threatening and encouraging the cow; he was allowed to ride up close to the scene of action, and saw the boy with a rope in his hand, and a stick in the other. "Why, my good boy," said he, "what's the matter?" "Oh, that she is," replied the boy, "and I'm trying to get her on to the swing, plase yer honour." The gentleman did not perceive the use of the swing, but as the boy appeared to have had his time if indeed he had any to lose, he asked for an explanation, were it profitable. He accordingly explained that the cow had been in the habit for some time past of jumping across the ditch several times, and that the consequence was breaking through the hedge and destroying her own fence. "Then, as soon as a cow's eye rises a ditch, she thinks she can jump it, and as she would be unable to provide for herself, turned to grass at the common pasture, she will be sure and walking to live on the hedge of the road."

Deeds Praise.—A Dutch preacher, who was warmly enlisted in favor of the very party during the political excitement which ran so high in Holland two years since, on a Sunday, had some expressions called forth by a sermon on a passage in the Bible, which he thought applicable to the occasion. "Text please to read, mynheer," said the clerk. "Text please to read, mynheer," said the clerk. "Text please to read, mynheer," said the clerk